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RWDSU Council Meeting in Washington:

**HAILS 15,000-MEMBER GROWTH,
ADOPTS INT'L WELFARE PROGRAM**

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Liberal Congressmen Forcing Hearings on Retail Coverage

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Liberal Democrats on the House Labor Committee—backed by delegates to the RWDSU General Council who were meeting in Washington that day—held a showdown meeting June 13 with the committee chairman, Rep. Graham Barden (D., N.C.), and forced him to move toward hearings on minimum wage coverage.

Barden has flatly opposed extension of coverage under the minimum wage law to retail, and he has been a roadblock in the way of hearings on the legislation. At the stormy meeting of his committee

June 13, however, the liberal Democrats, headed by Rep. James Roosevelt of California, fought out the issue of hearings, and in the fight they picked up support

from two Republicans—Carroll Kearns of Pennsylvania, and Stuyvesant Wainwright of New York. The committee had previously deadlocked 14 to 14. Now the vote was 16 to 12 in favor of a proposal by Roosevelt that hearings on various labor measures be held during three days of every week until Congress adjourns.

News of this important step forward in the fight to win coverage for retail employees was brought to RWDSU General Council delegates by members of the House Labor Committee themselves. At the Mayflower Hotel, where the General Council was in session, a cocktail party had been scheduled for the evening of June 13, and the Congressmen had been invited to attend and discuss the minimum wage legislation with RWDSU leaders. Nine Congressmen came to the affair directly from their turbulent committee meetings.

Liberals in Congress believe there is time for hearings to take place before adjournment, and that the committee vote represents an important victory for the RWDSU and all of labor.

Little Time Left

Whether legislation can be favorably reported, cleared through the House Rules Committee, passed on the floor and passed by the Senate, remains in doubt. Congress is driving to adjourn by July 15 in this election year.

Labor Sec. James P. Mitchell has repeatedly charged that Barden was blocking what he called the "Administration labor program"—most of them a group of housekeeping bills plus generalized proposals on Taft-Hartley and minimum wage.

Barden's power to delay action came, however, from the solid support given him by Republicans headed by Rep. Samuel McConnell (Pa.).

When Mitchell in his first speech as labor secretary advocated a higher minimum wage and expanded coverage, McConnell rebuked him.

Then chairman of the Labor Committee in the 83rd Congress, McConnell said the choice was between a "high minimum with narrow coverage or a low minimum with broader coverage."

La. 'Wreck' Law Repealed

BATON ROUGE, La.—Organized labor in Louisiana has given the entire country a lesson in the importance of political action by labor. The Louisiana senate, its composition changed by the defeat of anti-labor legislators in last year's primaries, voted 21 to 18 to wipe out the state's so-called "right to work" law. Senate action followed by about a week a house of representatives vote in which the repeal bill won by a 57 to 44 count.

The Louisiana legislature's repeal action was the first since 1947, when three states wiped "right-to-work" laws off their statute books. In that year Maine, New Hampshire and Delaware, all of which had previously adopted "right-to-work" laws, voted repeal, Maine by referendum, the other two by legislative action. During 1955 attempts to repeal "right-to-work" laws in a half dozen states failed either to get out of legislative committee or were defeated on the floor. The final victory in Louisiana reflected intensive labor political activity which started before the merger of AFL and CIO state groups into the Louisiana State Labor Council.

Working together, the labor units helped to defeat sponsors of the original "right-to-work" legislation in Baton Rouge and New Orleans in last year's primaries. The "wreck" sponsors were replaced in the cities and in nine other parishes (counties) with legislators pledged to vote for repeal.

Steel Strike Deadline Set For June 30; Joint Talks Off

NEW YORK CITY—A strike by 650,000 workers against the nation's biggest steel companies has been authorized for midnight June 30 by the 170-man wage policy committee of the AFL-CIO United Steelworkers of America. Previously Steelworkers Pres. David McDonald had announced that an offer of settlement by the three biggest steel producers—United States Steel, Bethlehem and Republic—was "entirely inadequate," and that joint negotiations had come to an end. Negotiations were continuing with individual companies.

The wage policy committee, meeting June 18 at the Hotel Roosevelt, empowered top union officers "to take whatever action is appropriate" should the industry not improve its offer and reach a settlement by the June 30 deadline. The

current two-year contracts expire on that date.

The industry offer was a five-year contract which it said added up to 65 cents an hour over the five year period, and 17 2/3 cents an hour for the first year. McDonald described this estimate of the offer's value as "pure and unadulterated bunk."

He said the steel workers would not benefit by more than 28.2 cents an hour over the five years, and that the first year's offer was about 5 cents an hour in take-home pay.

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PHOTO CONTEST

LOTS OF PRIZES — Each issue of The Record printed before the closing date of the contest will include the three best photos submitted before going to press. Each winner gets a \$5 prize, and is automatically eligible for the grand prize of \$25, when the contest closes Sept. 30, 1956.

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RWDSU General Council Hails 15,000-Member Growth in Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another milestone in the history of the RWDSU was passed this month when the union's General Council, meeting in this city June 12-14, hailed reports showing that more than 15,000 new members had been organized during the past year. This surpassed the quota set at last year's General Council meeting, and provided solid ground for achievement of a membership of 200,000 by the time of the next Convention in 1958.

The three-day meeting, chaired by Pres. Max Greenberg, heard a report on organization by Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps which detailed the growth in membership, and a financial report by Exec. Sec. Jack Paley which showed a marked improvement in the union's financial status, evidenced by an increase of more than \$125,000 in the RWDSU's surplus since the beginning of 1955.

Adopt Welfare, Staff Retirement Plans

Pres. Greenberg's report, which keynoted the meeting, outlined major events in the life of the union during the past year, and presented to the delegates his recommendations on establishment of an International Welfare Plan and staff retirement program, which had been approved by the Executive Board in April. The Council unanimously approved the recommendations and the report, which is reprinted on Pages 9, 10 and 11 of this issue.

Other reports were given by Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Ball, on events in the Northeast area which he directs; Exec. Vice-Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, on department store organizing, with special reference to the recent Macy strike; and 'Record' Editor Max Steinbock, who urged that greater use be made of the paper as an organizing and collective bargaining tool.

Guest speakers at the meeting included Sen. Paul Douglas, whose address is reported elsewhere on this page, and Al Barkan, assistant director of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE), who urged great concentration this year on political action. At the one-day Executive Board meeting June 11 which preceded the Council meeting, Pres. James Suffridge of the Retail Clerks International Ass'n was a guest speaker. His cordial greetings to the Board were noted by Pres. Greenberg as a sign of the amicable relationships between the two unions, offering hope of cooperation on matters affecting both groups.

Council members participated in extensive discussion at several sessions. Of the Canadian delegates, Regional Dir. George Barlow, and Council members Hugh Buchanan, George Barron, Jack Piper, Walter Smishek, Chris Schubert, Bud Hodgins and Regional Dir. Gerald Emary reported on their areas. For the South, Regional Directors Frank Parker and Harry Bush, and delegates Elizabeth Porter, Larry Larsen and R. H. Smith spoke.

Midwesterners who reported included Regional Directors Al Evanoff and Gerald Hughes, as well as Hank Anderson, John Gallacher, Joseph Romer and John Capell. Reports from the Northeast area were given by

George Braverman, Julius Sum, Morris Malmignati, Nat Kushner, Martin Janow, Tom Evans and Harry Rosenzweig.

Hours between sessions were fully occupied by planned activities. These included a bus tour of points of special interest in Washington, including the new AFL-CIO building, the Lincoln Memorial and other attractions. On Wednesday, June 13, a cocktail party was given by the International for Council members, and the occasion also served to bring them together with members of the House and Senate Labor Committees who were invited to meet with the RWDSU local leaders.

Intensive lobbying in behalf of minimum wage coverage extension was combined with socializing. Legislators who attended included Senator Gordon Allott (Rep., Colorado), and Representatives Carl D. Perkins (Dem., Ky.), Roy W. Wier (Dem., Minn.), Earl Chudoff (Dem., Penna.), Edith Green (Dem., Ore.), Cleveland M. Bailey (Dem., W. Va.) and Representative-at-large Harris B. McDowell, Jr. (Dem., Delaware). Rep. Emanuel Celler (Dem., N. Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, was also present.

A number of AFL-CIO staff members also attended. They included Legislative Rep. Hy Bookbinder, Richard Leonard and Carlin Allen of the Industrial Union Dept., IUD Research Dir. Jack Barbash, Jean Gibbons of the Legislative Dept., and others.

The final social event was a banquet in honor of the delegates at the Casino Royal restaurant, where Council members enjoyed a dinner and entertainment.

There was a postscript to the Council meeting too, following the final session June 14, when representatives of RWDSU food processing locals met to discuss setting up a department of the RWDSU embracing their industry. The meeting was chaired by Sec.-Treas. Heaps, who led the discussion on the role such a department could play in exchange of information and coordination of activities among the locals concerned. Heaps said he would outline the discussion in letters to the food locals and ask them for suggestions on which the Executive Board will act.

Summing Up the Council Meeting

Earlier, Pres. Greenberg had summed up the three-day Council meeting in his closing remarks as follows:

"The reports you have heard have told of some failures as well as achievements, of some defeats as well as victories. But add them all up and you will find that they present the picture of a sound, constructive, steadily growing organization—of an International union in every sense of the word. We have a fine union, and I am extremely proud to be its president."

"We can all be proud that ours is a union without factions, without bickering, without political schism. Our unity spells the beginning of a great organization. I am confident that we are entering upon a period of great progress for the RWDSU."

Senator Douglas Speaking

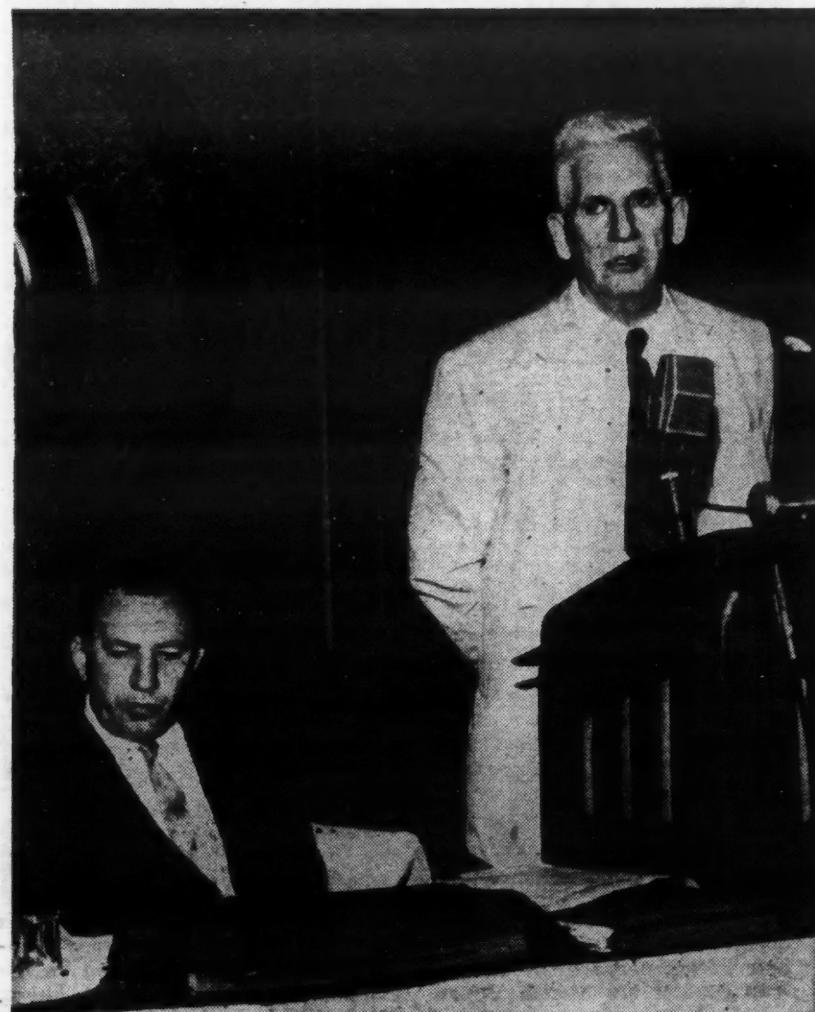
Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, a guest speaker at the RWDSU General Council meeting, made a tremendous impression upon the delegates with his forthright liberal approach to major issues confronting the American people, and particularly his position on a matter close to the hearts of RWDSUers—minimum wage coverage for retail. Here are a few of the things he told the Council members:

ON MINIMUM WAGE COVERAGE: "Last year the Administration pulled the rug out from under our efforts to extend coverage. The Dixiecrats also would not go along with us on extension, and that was why it had to wait until this year. When we sought facts from Labor Secretary Mitchell and his department, we got no help at all, and therefore our committee had to investigate privately. Even though I am no longer a member of the Senate Labor Committee, I pledge to work as hard as ever to put through extended coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act."

ON THE DIXIECRATS: "One-third to one-half of the Southern members are reactionary on labor matters and line up with the conservative Republicans on crucial votes. Yet under Congressional seniority rules, these are the very ones who get appointed to the chairmanship of important committees. The reason they are able to accumulate seniority is that we Northern Democrats are frequently liable to be defeated in elections, whereas the Dixiecrats are re-elected term after term. Of course there are many fine, liberal Southern Congressmen and Senators. . . . I believe the Democratic Party should adopt a liberal and progressive platform and carry it out. And if the Dixiecrats choose to walk out of the party, I assure you my pillow will not be saturated with tears."

ON LABOR SECRETARY MITCHELL: "Mr. Mitchell is a Republican first and a Secretary of Labor second. His chief job is to gain partisan advantage. I hope Mr. Mitchell will stop his high and mighty talk and get down to business on minimum wage coverage and other important matters."

Sen. Paul Douglas addresses Council members. Shown with him is Pres. Max Greenberg.





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ASSEMBLED DELEGATES apply themselves seriously to job of running 165,000-member organization at Second Annual General Council meeting of RWDSU in Washington June 12-14. Meeting took place in Williamsburgh Room of historic Mayflower Hotel, where many of nation's legislators stay.



BETWEEN SESSIONS Canadian delegates are amused by nimble wit of veteran unionist Tom Bagley (r.), president of Local 670 in New York. Canadians, l. to r., are George Barron, George Barlow, Hugh Buchanan and Walter Smishek.



EAST, SOUTH AND WEST join in appreciation of story told by RWDSU Exec. Sec. Jack Paley during session break. L. to r., R. H. Smith of Houston, Tex.; Morris Doswell of District 65, New York; Paley; Cleve Robinson of '65'; Harry Bush of Memphis; and Hank Anderson of Chicago Joint Board.

REGISTRATION TIME prior to opening of General Council meeting finds delegate Martin Kyne (l.) president of Local 923 in New York, and Elizabeth Porter, president of Local 15 in Charleston, S. C., checking in. Behind counter are Mariah White, assistant comptroller, and Nat Zirkin, comptroller of RWDSU.

General Council of RWDSU

Finds Work and Play

Mix at Washington Meeting

• Senator Paul Douglas told Council members how he tried to organize Stern's Dept. Store in New York more than 40 years ago. He was very glad to learn that the store is under contract with District 65 . . . Following the Senator's speech, Pres. Greenberg said that it sounded more like an address by a union organizer than a United States Senator. To which Sen. Douglas replied, "I don't see anything wrong with that."

• Jean Gibbons of the AFL-CIO Legislative Dept. attended the cocktail party given for delegates and watched the door for Congressmen who had been invited. Spying a distinguished-looking, silver-haired man making his entrance, she quickly headed for him to introduce him to RWDSU leaders. But this Congressman turned out to be Business Agent Al Tribush of Local 338 in New York City.

• Exec. Sec. Jack Paley gave fellow officers and delegates a bad scare when he tripped on some stairs during the Council banquet. A hasty diagnosis by a Washington physician scared everyone even more, but specialists who examined Paley on his return to New York found only a sprained ankle, pronounced him in good health . . . Less fortunate was Vice-Pres. Leroy Harris of Suffolk, Va., who suffered a slight heart attack a week before and was forced to miss both the Executive Board and General Council meetings. Delegates joined to express best wishes for his speedy recovery.

• The weather in Washington was extremely hot, but RWDSU Council members basked in the hotel's air-conditioning. All but Elizabeth Porter of Charleston, S. C., who "just 'bout froze to death", she said. . . . Hank Anderson of Chicago was hailed as a hero during the bus tour of Washington. Seems that the RWDSUers had to cross a busy thoroughfare to get to the Lincoln Memorial. With cars whizzing by, everyone was afraid to make a move. Hank stepped fearlessly into the middle of the street, held up his right hand, and 20 cars screeched to a stop. Everyone crossed and then took up the familiar union song: "Anderson is our leader, he shall not be moved."

• Regional Dir. Frank Parker reported on Wednesday, June 13 that an NLRB election was pending at the Hill Grocery warehouse in Birmingham, Ala., the last large unorganized warehouse in the city. The following day, Parker amended his report: RWDSU had won the election, 52 to 44 . . . R. H. Smith of Houston, Tex., is the only Council member who is also an ordained minister. He delivered the invocation, as he had a year ago. Another repeater was Milton Reverby of District 65, who again led the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner. But Walter Smishek of Saskatchewan, who led last year in singing "O Canada", was not in good voice this year and begged off.

• Sam Clark of Cedar Rapids, Iowa was born in Kentucky, as anyone who talks with him for more than a minute soon learns. When Rep. Carl Perkins of Kentucky turned up at the Council's cocktail party, it was like old home week for Sam, who lost no time introducing himself to the Congressman and exchanging blue-grass reminiscences . . . Vice-Pres. and Mrs. John Capell brought their 12-year-old niece to the Council meeting, and young Miss Gibbons will have plenty to talk about back in Kansas City, Kan., what with attending a cocktail party and meeting eight or nine Congressmen and a Senator during her stay in Washington . . . Other young guests at the Council meeting included the two-year-old son of Ernest and Mrs. Burberg of Pittsburgh, and the son and daughter of Joseph and Mrs. Romer of Indianapolis.



LINCOLN MEMORIAL was one of the most impressive and inspiring stop-overs for Council members in bus tour of nation's capital during three-day meeting.



AFL-CIO BUILDING got closest attention of touring delegates, naturally. The spanking-new, attractive union edifice drew "ohs" and "ahs" for its beautiful appointments.



MARINE MEMORIAL, showing famous flag raising on Iwo Jima in World War II, was subject for much snapshooting by RWDSU General Council delegates.

New York & Northeast

Strike July 1 Looms On Low Whelan Offer

NEW YORK CITY—Terming the Whelan management's proposal of a \$2 wage increase in a three-year agreement "thoroughly inadequate," special chain-wide meetings on Tuesday, June 19, unanimously rejected the offer.

The chain members of Retail Drug Employees Local 1199 met in three sessions and acted after a detailed report on negotiations delivered by Midtown Division Director George Glotzer.

Boston Shoe Pact In Arbitration

BOSTON, Mass.—Arbitration of the contract between the New England Joint Board and the John Irving retail shoe stores was approaching conclusion last week after almost two weeks of hearings. Joint Board Vice-Pres. Irving Rich reported.

Rich said that, while the outcome would immediately involve the 70 workers in 18 Irving stores in the New England area, it would also affect some 200 additional members in 40 other shoe stores.

The issues under discussion involve all the basic contract conditions, including wages, hours and working conditions.

Speaking for the union at the hearings are Rich, NEJB Vice-Pres. Joseph Casey, and Irving store employees Ben Ferbel and Murray Weiss. The committee's weeks of careful preparation for the arbitration brought from the arbitrator, Mark Santer, the comment that "In my many years of arbitration I have never seen such a vast amount of evidence prepared by union representatives."

Prior to the vote, several members took the floor at each of the meetings to state that Whelan employees were prepared to strike on July 1 unless the company changed its tune and began to deal seriously with their demands.

Union Replies June 21

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Banquet Honors Malden, Mass. Local Leaders

MALDEN, Mass.—Pres. Max Greenberg was the featured speaker at a banquet held to honor the past president of Local 580A and to install newly elected officers of the Paper, Toy and Novelty Workers Local, Regional Dir. Thomas J. Leone reported. Greenberg, in an address which reviewed the progress of the International union during the past two years, also took the occasion to praise the work of past Pres. Mary Forsey. The former local leader retired from office after 13 years' service.

Part of the swearing-in ceremony, which was conducted by the RWDSU president, was his presentation of a new gavel to the president-elect of Local 580A, Edna Thomits. The other local leaders are Vice-Pres. Nichols Molle, Secy-Treas. Albert Harvey, Recording Secy. Muriel Minchin and Stewards Katherine Travilline, Margaret Lewis, Mary Bova, Agnes Doucette, Salvatore Bonassaro and George Revalas.

Also to be honored at the affair was the former vice-president, Fred Scott, who was unable to be present.

Leone in his address reviewed the local's history and the progress it had made under the leadership of ex-Pres. Forsey and her fellow executive board members.

Among other guests at the affair were RWDSU Vice-Pres. Domenick Tripode of



New England staff conference on organizational problems brings together, l. to r., Int'l Rep. Bob Rondeau, Pres. Max Greenberg, Vice-Pres. Dominick Tripode, Regional Dir. Tom Leone, Int'l Reps. John Flandaca, Frank Petrucci and Walter Morrissey.



Officers and stewards of Local 580-A, Malden, Mass. are sworn in by Pres. Max Greenberg, as Reg. Dir. T. Leone, seated, looks on.

900 Achieve New Contracts In Watch, Jewelry Shops

NEW YORK CITY—More than 900 members of Local 147 in 13 shops have won contract settlements in the past month, '147' Manager Theodor Bowman reported. Six of these shops are in the watch case employers' association, and thus are covered by one agreement.

The association contract was extended for 2 years under a wage reopeners and affects, in addition to some 400 members in association shops, another 2 shops—the Below Watch Case Co. and I. D. Mfg. Co.—not in the association. The agreement provides a total of 10-cent hourly wage increases—5 cents retroactive to Feb. 1, 1955, and another 5 cents July 1, 1956. The negotiating committee consisted of the shop chairman from each plant. They are James Dwight of I.D. Watch Case, Bill Rigg of Swiss Radium, Jerry Russo of Rex, Frank Noffko of Acme, Jack Farber of Fit-Rite, and Angel Diaz of L.B.C. with Bowman.

The largest single shop, Jacques Kreisler watch bracelets, settled for important vacation improvements, an additional paid holiday bringing the total to 8, and 3 days paid mourning leave in case of death in an employee's family. For the first time the 225 Kreisler employees will enjoy 3-week vacations with pay. The extended vacations will affect about 110 workers this summer.

Members with 15 years' service will now receive vacation pay of 2% of their annual earnings, including overtime and incentive pay, with no less than 3 weeks' actual time off. Bowman said the new plan would mean 4 to 6 weeks' pay for 15-year employees this summer. Union negotiators were Business Rep. Jack Holowchick, Shop Chairman Harry Mangini and the shop committee.

A settlement at Finesse Wristlet, a bracelet shop, was achieved only after the workers voted to strike, and convinced the employer they were ready to

walk out. Effective May 6, 1955, the workers, numbering a year around average of 75, won 5 cents an hour in wages, an eighth paid holiday and improved welfare benefits. They were led in negotiations by Business Rep. Caesar Massa, and committee members John Williams, Althea Alston and Julia Melendez.

The Dutchess Jewelry contract was renewed for another year with 5-cent hourly wage boosts for all the 90 employees and additional increases ranging from 15 to 25 cents an hour for highly skilled workers, plus an eighth paid holiday.

At Feuer Bros., makers of watch crowns and spring pins, the workers won 5-cent wage boosts, employer-paid hospitalization and improved vacations. Caesar Massa and Shop Chairlady Elsie Condora negotiated for the union. The 20 employees at I. Cohen, a novelty shop, settled for \$3 in wages, which were the only issue in the negotiations. The raise is effective June 1. The workers already enjoy paid holidays and vacations, health and welfare benefits and other conditions of '147' contracts. Shop Chairman Phil Lippman and Bowman negotiated the contract, which is effective June 1.

Campaign Begins At Dept. Stores In Providence, R. I.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—An unhurried and careful organizing campaign has begun among some 2,800 department store employees in four major stores in this city, New England Joint Board Sec.-Treas. Nat Kushner reported.

As a result of recent contract gains by RWDSU members at the Outlet Store, Kushner said, a heightened interest towards the union among other store employees has developed, especially since the managements of the non-union stores have failed this year to follow their past practice of instituting a substantial part of the union-won improvements. In the Boston Store, for example, it was reported the employer recently announced to all employees that there would be no improvements in wages this year.

Committees at 4 Stores
Besides the Boston Store, rank and file organizing committees have been set up in Shepherd's, Gladding's, and Cherry & Webb.

Kushner is heading the campaign, which also involves a rank and file committee of RWDSU retail workers led by Local 442 (Outlet Store) Pres. Grace Barney and Vice-Pres. John Gillan of Local 300, who works in one of the John Irving shoe stores.

RWDSU Locals Ready N. Y. Wage Testimony

NEW YORK CITY—The third in a series of five public hearings being held by the New York State Retail Wage Board was under way last week in this city, as *The Record* went to press. Scheduled to appear before the Board are several RWDSU locals as well as other unions and a number of employer groups, who are helping to provide material on which the Wage Board will base recommendations for changes in the State's present 65 to 75¢ minimum wage in the retail industry.

The three labor members of the Board include RWDSU Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Ball and Vice-Pres. Samuel Lowenthal, who is also manager of Retail Shoe Employees Local 287. Requests to testify had been made by RWDSU Locals 1-S, 338, 906, 1199, and District 65. Full details will appear in the next issue of *The Record*.

MIDWEST AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Election at G. C. Murphy

ROCHESTER, Pa.—Employees of the G. C. Murphy's store here were voting in a National Labor Relations Board election last week, as The Record was in the mails, to prove officially their desire to join the RWDSU, Int'l Rep. Ernest Burberg reported.

The store was contacted through an officer of Local 765, whose members work in the Murphy store in Beaver Falls, Pa. Meanwhile, 240 employees of the firm's warehouse in McKeesport, just outside Pittsburgh, were awaiting an election date after signing up in a healthy majority in a drive led by Burberg.

Wilbur Rogers Store Signed

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Wilbur Rogers women's apparel shop has been organized by Local 101, in a drive led by Business Agent Howard Fedor. The union quickly won recognition, and negotiated a contract providing wage boosts ranging from \$1.50 to \$4.50 a week, the union shop and other benefits of an RWDSU contract.

\$5 at Hill's Dept. Store

ANDERSON, Ind.—A fine, new contract was won by Hill's department store employees, Int'l Rep. Joseph Romer reported, with an agreement providing wage increases of \$5 a week and commission increases of 1%, making a total of 3% commissions beginning July 1. The 78 employees also won a bonus plan which will enable employees to earn as much as 6% commissions on high volume sales.

28c at Oil Distributor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—A 28-cent hourly package of improvements was won by the Hoosier Oil Co. employees in a new three-year contract settled last month. The firm, a distributor, employs up to 60 workers in season. Included in the package are wage boosts of 5 cents on June 30, 7 cents next year and 8 cents an hour the following year. The agreement provides a new bonus plan as well, which means additional earnings of no less than \$125 a year. The negotiating committee included Chief Steward Virgil Terry, William Arvin and Int'l Rep. Joseph Romer.

Mich. Dairy Pension Plan

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The first pension plan in the dairy industry in this state has been established in plants employing 300 members of Local 386, Int'l Rep. Tom Kirkwood reported.

The plants are Joppe Dairy, Borden's, Grand Rapids Creamery and Arctic Dairy. Also included in the pension plan is the Schulze Baking Co., a subsidiary of the Interstate Baking chain.



A NEW LIFE starts for retiring Charles Karl of St. Joseph, Mo. Quaker Oats plant after 12 years on the job. He's presented with gift of fishing gear by steward Jesse Graves on behalf of the members of Local 125.

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The Midwest

Tri-Plant Marx Toy Talks Open; Pension Plan Is Major Demand

ERIE, Pa.—Negotiations got under way last month between management of the three Louis Marx toy plants in this city, Girard, Pa. and Glen Dale, W. Va. and the tri-plant council of unions. The main demand is a pension plan, Int'l Rep. Charles Hess reported.

The tri-plant group consists of two RWDSU Locals—149 in Glen Dale and 850 in Girard—and a Machinists Union local in this city. The group has been conducting joint negotiations for the past

two years. The number of Marx toy workers they represent is nearly 3,000.

The preparations for negotiations included a referendum among the mem-

bers, in which they overwhelmingly expressed their preference for a pension plan demand as the key issue before the unions this year.

Additional demands of the Local 850 members are the correction of wage inequities and the reduction of wage progression. '850' members now go to the top of their scale after 2 years, and they seek to reduce this to 3 months for unskilled and semi-skilled workers.

The pension plan asked for by the union negotiators calls for certain basic provisions, among them monthly benefits of \$2.25 for each year of service, withdrawal rights for members after one year's coverage by the plan, retirement at the age of 55 in case of total disability, and life insurance coverage for members after they retire. The plan would be jointly administered by the company and union.

The next negotiating session was due to be held June 20, as The Record went to press. The sessions are being held in Erie between the company's chief negotiator, A. B. Marcus, and a committee representing each of the three plants.



NEW OFFICERS for Local 815 in Battle Creek, Mich., were sworn in last month at a membership meeting of the Western Biscuit local by Pres. Jay Ainsworth, at right. The officers are Sec.-Treas. Virginia Smith and Vice-Pres. Manuel Ortix, in photo at left. The sec.-treasurer's post became vacant when former Sec.-Treas. Phil Livengood left the union for a job with management in the plant.

Nix Substitute Borden Pension

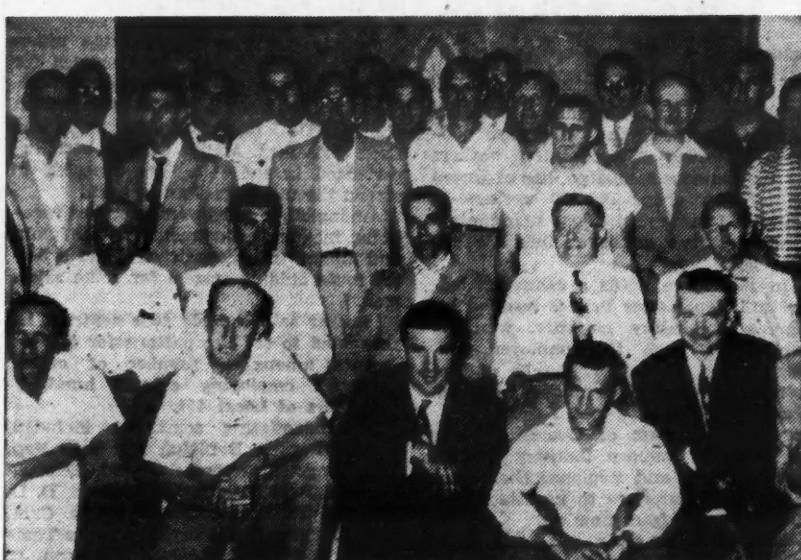
COLUMBUS, O.—Delegates from seven Borden Dairy plants in three states unanimously rejected early this month a proposal by the Borden management to substitute a company-run pension program for the jointly-administered plan won by the several RWDSU locals almost two years ago.

The delegates acted at a meeting here especially called by the executive board of Ohio Local 379, headed by Pres. Pete Frohnauer. In addition to the delegates, RWDSUers from two other Ohio dairies participating in the plan, Diamond Milk and Isaly, as well as a non-participating Borden group from Indiana, sat in as observers. Other states represented were West Virginia, led by Int'l Rep. Edgar Johnson, and Michigan. Regional Dir. Gerald Hughes chaired the meeting.

While the company proposed plan is comparable to the union-negotiated program, in some respects, Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles said, the company plan is not negotiable and would be difficult to improve across the bargaining table.

The company plan also provides coverage for management personnel, and favors higher paid employees, such as management, by paying them higher benefits which are financed by employee contributions.

The Local 379 plan pays equal benefits to all and requires no employee contribution. Above all, it was pointed out, the members themselves have a voice in its management and an opportunity to make improvements in benefits through the union plan.



BORDEN DAIRY WORKERS, representing RWDSU-organized plants in Ohio, W. Va., and Mich., get together for photo at special meeting early this month, where they decisively rejected company attempt to substitute management pension program for union plan.

'194' Officers Re-elected in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—Balloting for local officers early this month saw more than 1,600 members of Local 194 re-elect the full slate of incumbent leaders. Returned to the top post was Pres. John Gallacher, with Exec. Vice-Pres. George White, Sec.-Treas. Veronica Kryzan and Recording Sec. Kenneth Washington. Other officers are Campbell's Soup Division Dir. Henry Gistover and Division Sec. Josephine Chlupas, Chicago Area Dir. Irene Brubaker and Sec. Gus Clark, Blue Island Division Dir. James Moore and Sec. Fletcher Neely.

Moore defeated three other candidates, including the incumbent, in the only contest of the election. The trustees are James Black and Ernest Fox of Campbell's, Gertrude

Skrentny of Rival Dog Food, Michael Jucenko of Standard Brands and Joseph Pittman of Libby, McNeill & Libby.

Chicago RWDSU Plans Aug. Picnic

CHICAGO, Ill.—Plans are well under way for a giant picnic and outdoor frolic to be jointly sponsored by the Chicago Joint Board and Local 194, both of the RWDSU. The affair is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 12 at Riverview Park, and officers of the International are to be invited. Joint Board Pres. Henry Anderson and '194' Pres. Gallacher said. They expect 2,000 members and their families to join in what has become an annual event. Tickets are available at the headquarters of each of the two unions, and sell for 25 cents for adults and 5 cents for kids.

The South



NEW CONTRACT won at Consolidated Dairies in Birmingham, Ala., by members of Local 745 is discussed by local officers. L. to r., Pres. Ed Hawkins, A. C. Smith, Lester Loggins, Clay Johnson, Paul Tillman. Pact provides \$2.40 hike, increased uniform allowance, improved grievance and check-off procedures.

Pension, Welfare Plans Won At 4 Birmingham Bakeries

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A contract settlement, which includes employer payments to a union-employer managed pension plan in the South for the first time, as well as an employer-paid health plan, was concluded early this month between Local 441 and the big four bakeries of this city—Ward, NBC, American Baking, and McGough Baking Co.

The total cash value of the settlement, which covers 500 members of Local 441, equals more than 26 cents an hour. Regional Dir. Frank Parker, who led the union negotiations, said. The 3-year pact also includes wages boosts averaging 15 cents an hour in the plant and a number of other substantial improvements in working conditions and several wage inequities. Salesmen won \$3 weekly increases.

A huge turnout of the membership, numbering about 450, jammed union

headquarters to greet the contract terms with enthusiastic approval. Parker quoted a leading rank and filer, Ed Shaw of Ward, who said, "These were the most business-like negotiations I've ever seen, and they came up with the finest contract in my experience in this union."

'441' Pres. Bill Bordelon, a leader of the negotiating committee, declared the committee was "proud and happy to bring you this settlement."

The health plan goes into effect Jan. 1, 1957, when each employer will pay \$2.40 per week per employee into the health and welfare fund. Payments for salesmen, whose earnings are higher than plant employees, will be \$3.50. The pension plan becomes effective the following year, with employer payments of \$2 a week for each employee.

Further meetings between the union and the managements are scheduled for the coming few weeks in order to work out specific benefits under the health plan. RWDSU Exec. Sec. Jack Paley and Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman, both experienced in the field, are expected to attend the meetings, Parker said.

Among other gains were improved vacations, inequity adjustments in the plant and among transport drivers, and a better route bidding system for route salesmen.

Parker said the big four contract is expected to set the pattern for settlements among a number of other bakeries employing several hundred members of Local 441.

The negotiating committee included, besides Parker, Bordelon and Int'l. Rep. Bill Langston, Roosevelt Reed, Leonard Watson, Reid Martin, Lee Hudson, D. D. Dagnan, R. B. Henderson, Larue Cain, R. F. Douglas, M. C. Taylor, Charles Tombrillo, John Hodges, Jack Ferguson, C. A. Stone, C. I. Griggs, Hoyt Kendrick, R. Mayberry, Guy Dickinson, C. T. Daniels, W. B. Hunter, W. D. Brady, James E. Hall and Lindsey Graham for the plant. Sales committee members were John L. Parker, Charles Hill, Jack Hudson, Bill Wainright, J. D. Robinson, William McDaniel and P. N. Tennyson.

W. T. Grant Gals Sign Another New Shop!

GADSDEN, Ala.—The initiative of the ladies at W. T. Grant, who have contacted a number of unorganized workers in a spontaneous campaign, has produced another new shop. The 60 workers at Domestic Laundry, the last unorganized laundry in this town, have joined RWDSU Local 506.

In just three weeks a campaign led by Int'l. Rep. Lester Bettice resulted in signing a healthy majority, winning recognition from the employer and negotiating a contract. Details of the agreement were not available at press time.

The organization of Domestic makes the Gadsden laundry industry 100 per cent RWDSU, and Regional Dir. Frank Parker said plans are to negotiate city-wide contracts from now on.

Mourn Houston Leader

HOUSTON, Texas—Members of Local 76 mourned the passing of Vice-Pres. Nathan Knight, who died May 28. Pres. R. H. Smith said he was "a member who served his union faithfully up until his passing. He will be greatly missed by our union."

52-44 for RWDSU at Hill Warehouse

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Employees of the last major unorganized warehouse in this city have joined RWDSU, Regional Dir. Frank Parker reported. On June 13 the Hill grocery warehouse workers voted 52 to 44 for Local 261 in an NLRB election after an organizing campaign of several weeks led by Int'l. Rep. Bill Langston.

Parker said the company has indicated it is willing to start negotiations soon, and he expected they would begin in a week or two. The firm employs 107 workers and services a chain comparable in size to the A & P in this state.

Original contact with the workers was made by Henry Jenkins, a rank and file RWDSUer in Bakery Local 441, who works at Ward Baking. Wages at Hill average 26 cents an hour less than at A & P, whose employees are members of Local 261.



Bill Langston

Canada

Women Score Big Wage Gains At General Bakeries, Toronto

TORONTO, Ont.—"Equal pay for equal work" was written into a new two-year contract with General Bakeries, Ltd., and women workers have received wage increases of 16 to 41 cents an hour as a result, it was reported by Int'l. Rep. Hugh Buchanan.

Other gains negotiated with the firm were: a five day work week; night shift premium of 5¢ per hour; salaried delivery men receive an increase of \$7 to \$10 weekly, depending on length of service; commission salesmen's guarantees were increased by \$8 to \$10 per week. A five day week was also established for driver salesmen, except for vacation month.

The negotiating committee included Don Oster, I. Stovell, A. Robinson, A. Ascott and E. Kell, assisted by Buchanan.

In other developments, Buchanan reported that certification has been received for the production workers of McHutchion's Bakery of Brantford, recently organized by Al Gleason of the Local 461 staff. The employees have now drafted their proposed first agreement and negotiations are expected to get under way in the very near future.

Negotiations have broken down between Local 461 and Canada Bread in Toronto. A conciliation officer failed to resolve the dispute and a conciliation board is now being set up. The items in dispute are wages, days of work, sick leave, shift premium, vacations and union security.

11c Package at Winnipeg Casket

WINNIPEG, Man.—A contract package worth more than 11c an hour for each of the 35 employees of the Winnipeg Casket Co. was concluded this month by Local 467 after long negotiations, Int'l. Rep. Chris Schubert reported. This pact calls for 4 cents an hour now, an additional 4 cents next January, higher piece work rates, a lump sum payment of \$45 to all workers employed as of Jan. 1, 1956, and health and welfare benefits which cost the employer 3 cents an hour.

The welfare plan, with equal payments by employer and employees, will provide life insurance, sick benefits after the fourth day of illness, and hospitalization and medical benefits for employees and their dependents.

Agreement was reached only 20 minutes before the strike deadline, and the union was preparing to "pull the pin," Schubert said, when the firm agreed to pay the additional 4 cents an hour. The company had offered a 2-cent increase, no retroactive pay and no welfare plan.

Negotiating for the union were W. Gabel, O. Millar, D. Winnick and Anne Gelyshyn, assisted by Schubert.

Ten Ontario Dairies Settle

TORONTO, Ont.—Ten contract settlements providing general wage increases up to \$4 a week, increased welfare benefits and improvements in promotion and union security provisions have been reached with leading Ontario dairies, Regional Dir. George Barlow reported.

Dairyworkers Local 440 has concluded new agreements with Silverwood's and Westside Dairies in Kitchener, Mason's and Sunshine in St. Catherines, Borden's, Clark's, Capital Co-op and Producers in Ottawa, and Producers in Almonte and in Sawville, Quebec.

In Toronto, Local 440, the Ontario Federation of Labor, a farmers' group and several dairies joined to urge the Ontario Milk Control Board to amend the law on deliveries. The present Act, adopted two years ago, provides that no deliveries be made on Wednesdays. The union and companies are seeking to re-establish delivery on a six-day basis, so that employees can rotate their days off and thus regain a two-day weekend.

Barlow reported that a campaign has been launched to organize the Royal Dairy in Guelph, where Silverwood's is already under RWDSU contract.

RWDSU Locals Aided CCF In Sask. Election June 20

REGINA, Sask.—RWDSU locals throughout Saskatchewan put on an all-out political campaign in support of the pro-labor Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, the province's majority party, in preparation for the provincial elections June 20, it was reported by Int'l. Rep. Walter Smishek. Joint Board locals contributed \$1,900, and Don Lloyd, a rank-and-file officer of Local 455, was assigned to full-time political work in Moose Jaw for a six-week period.

Smishek is serving as a member of the Sask. Federation of Labour Political Education and Action Committee. The Federation endorsed the CCF slate.



SOCIAL HIGHLIGHT for Local 414 was dance June 6 at Palace Pier in Toronto, and attended by '414' Pres. E. St. Thomas, (l.), Int'l. Rep. Jack Piper (r.) and members from Dominion Stores, Nat'l Growers, Mimico and Leather Cartage. Entertainment committee, led by Chairman William Warellis, did wonderful job, and another dance is planned for the fall.



"A Year of Growth And Progress For Our Union"

Excerpts from President's Report
to the RWDSU General Council

By PRES. MAX GREENBERG

For the second time, I am privileged to welcome you to the Annual Meeting of the General Council of our Union. Those of you who were here last year recall the unanimous opinion of all of the Council members that it was a fine meeting. We left here more dedicated, more enthused and with a greater determination to build our fine union.

So it is true today, and we may expect that at the conclusion of this meeting you will have a clearer picture of our union, its strength and its weaknesses, its progress and its shortcomings. I know that out of your discussions and deliberations will come a program designed to build this union, and to strengthen it so that it can accomplish its primary objective, that of making every member's life a little better.

The objective of bringing to each and every one of our members more of the better things of life, of providing our members with a greater security, higher wages and better working conditions, increased welfare and pension coverage, more opportunity to enjoy the good things of life through a shorter work week: these are the objectives of the RWDSU. The things we talk about and the plans we make must be directed toward this goal.

There are some phases of our activities which cannot be measured by the yardstick of facts and figures: the cementing of unity within our ranks, the enhancement of the prestige of our union, our effectiveness in strengthening the security of our members, the building of mutual friendships within our union, and our ability to win respect from other unions and within the communities in which we live.

Growth of Union's Prestige

When we left our last Convention, we were determined to earn for the RWDSU the respect of the American labor movement, and to establish firmly our union's prestige. In this endeavor, we have been most successful. Our union today is a credit to the labor movement. We participate effectively in every trade union activity. We have earned and we receive the recognition which is our due. In every section of the United States and Canada, the RWDSU is recognized as an honest, democratic and effective International union.

Last year we set some specific goals for ourselves. They included a minimum growth in our membership of 10%, increased participation in political action, a vigorous campaign to win extension of coverage under the minimum wage law, the building and strengthening of our International union and of our local unions.

During the course of this meeting, you will receive a comprehensive report from the Director of Organization and the Area and Regional Directors. I merely want to say that not only have we reached the 10% goal which we set for ourselves, but we have passed it.

You will receive from our Executive Secretary a financial report which will indicate an increase in our stability and our strength.

On the political action front the participation of our local unions has surpassed all previous records. During the past year, the RWDSU raised approximately \$20,000 for political action. I consider it a very respectable showing in comparison with our numbers, and a really remarkable achievement as compared with previous years.

Increased Legislative Activity

On the legislative front, we have increased our participation on federal, state and community levels. Our locals are in the forefront of labor's legislative efforts. In New York State, this increased activity has received official recognition. Governor Harriman approved the Commissioner of Labor's appointment of Executive Vice-President Alex Ball and Vice-President Samuel Lowenthal as two of the three labor members of the Retail Wage Board.

For the past year, our greatest concentration has been on the fight to win coverage under the federal minimum wage law. To bolster our legislative activities we have engaged Kenneth A. Meiklejohn as our Washington legislative representative. Little more than a month ago, our locals sent to this city more than 1,000 delegates to lobby for extension of coverage. It was one of the biggest and most effective demonstrations ever organized by a trade union. In their talks with Congressmen and Senators, our delegates succeeded in winning commitments from many who had previously refused to commit themselves. They demonstrated to Congress, to the labor movement and to the public that the RWDSU has the ability and the

determination to carry on an effective campaign.

On May 9, 1956, I testified before a subcommittee which was chaired by Senator Douglas on behalf of the extension of coverage. I want to express my appreciation to our legislative representative, Kenneth A. Meiklejohn, to the Editor of our newspaper, Max Steinbock, and to International Vice-President William Michelson, for the tremendous job they did in helping to prepare our presentation to the committee.

At this moment our fight for extension of coverage has not yet been won. There is much more to be done. Our union will continue to do everything possible to see to it that the millions of workers not yet covered win protection under the law. You will hear more about this project during the course of this meeting.

Let me review some of the major events that have taken place in the life of our union since we met in this city a year ago. I have already indicated that we have surpassed our goal of 10% increase in membership. This was not achieved by any spectacular organizational drive. It resulted from the steady day to day work of the officers of our local unions and their members, assisted by our International staff.

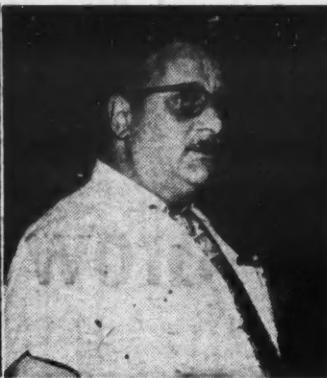
Officers Visit Many Areas

As part of the continuing policy of close personal contact with the work of our Union, my fellow officers and I have visited as many areas and locals as possible. With Al Heaps and Jack Paley and our late Canadian Director, Thomas B. MacLachlan, I visited our locals in Western Canada last summer. We were all deeply impressed by the first-hand knowledge we gained of their achievements and the strength of our Union in that area. Last November, we held a successful week-end conference of our mid-west locals in Chicago, and similar conferences for our New York locals have been held on several occasions. We were happy to participate in the dedication of Local 43's new headquarters in Dade City, Florida, last December, as well as in many other meetings and conferences in various parts of the United States and Canada.

Last December our International took part
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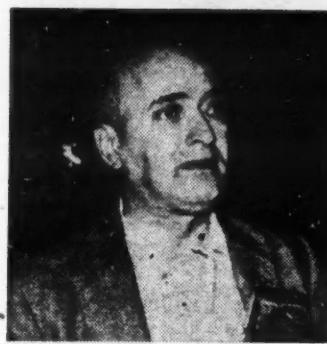
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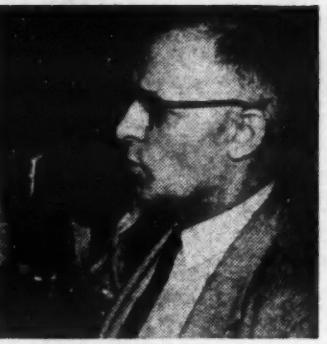
George Barlow

RWDSU Leaders Who Reported to Council

On this page are some of the many General Council delegates who spoke at meeting June 12-14 in Washington.



Tom Evans



Chris Schubert



Joseph Romer



R. H. Smith



Nat Kushner



Walter Smishek



Harry Bush

in the final Convention of the CIO and the first Merger Convention of the new AFL-CIO. Our entire Executive Board participated in this historic event, and our International, as one of the host unions in New York City, gained greatly in recognition and improved fraternal relations with the thousands of delegates who attended the Convention. To mark the occasion, our International union prepared several thousand store signs welcoming the delegates to New York. These were placed in the windows of stores under contract with our New York locals and the effect was striking, particularly in the mid-town area. In store after store, delegates saw the signs that marked this as an RWDSU shop and many gained a new understanding of the size and scope of our Union.

The establishment of labor unity in the United States last December was duplicated in April in Toronto when the two labor federations of Canada held their Merger Convention. It was a privilege for me and for Brothers Heaps and Paley to participate in that historic Convention, and to meet with the large RWDSU delegation which came from all parts of Canada. I feel certain that as a result of that meeting we today have a stronger union in Canada, and I am particularly excited about our future prospects in that country. It is my belief that we will, some day, have one of the biggest and most powerful unions in Canada. We have a lot of good, hard-working people there who have impressed me with their determination to build a fine union. Our greatest regret was that one person could not be with us at that Convention, Thomas B. MacLachlan, who had served as Canadian Director of our union and who died on February 17, 1956. His untimely passing deprived us of a capable and devoted leader in Canada, but the organization which he did so much to build will stand forever as a memorial in his honor.

The merger of the AFL and the CIO united into one federation many unions with similar or comparable jurisdictions. The Constitution of the united labor movement guarantees the integrity of each International union. However, the merger created practical jurisdictional problems and in order to resolve some of these problems the officers of the RWDSU have been

meeting with the officers of other International unions, having similar or parallel jurisdictions. We have been attempting to work out agreements which will provide an intelligent approach to this problem. We are prepared to enter into agreements with any International union which will guarantee the integrity of each union's jurisdiction, and which will provide for mutual assistance pacts, establish co-operation and fraternal friendship, and respect for each other's picket lines. We have proposed the establishment of machinery to resolve jurisdictional claims of priority. We are optimistic that these meetings which we plan to continue will result in the kind of agreements we seek.

I have had the opportunity to meet with President George Meany on several occasions to discuss some of our problems. He has expressed to me his high regard for our union. He has cooperated with us to the fullest and has offered us the help of his office in whatever manner he can be helpful. I feel, that in President Meany, we have a firm friend, whose earnest desire it is to see that our union grows and progresses.

Proposed Welfare, Pension Plans

Last December, I recommended to the Executive Board that we consider the establishment of an RWDSU Welfare Plan, a Staff Retirement Program and a Voluntary Strike Fund. The first two of these have been approved by the Executive Board, following extended discussion at committee meetings and at Board meetings, which considered these proposals. The Voluntary Strike Fund, it was felt, required further research, planning and discussion before it would be ready for submission for your approval.

Through the establishment of a Welfare Plan, which will provide health and welfare benefits at minimum cost to our locals, and through the institution of a Staff Retirement Program, which will offer security to the International staff and the staffs of our local unions, we will be forging new and powerful links in the ties of unity and brotherhood that bind us.

Our union has demonstrated its responsibility, and maturity, in many other ways. Let me point out just a few: Last September when floods hit New England and other northeastern

states, a flood relief drive was undertaken by the RWDSU. Thousands of dollars were raised and we provided substantial relief to individuals and organizations in many communities. In addition, we have underwritten a rehabilitation project in Pawtucket, R.I., which we expect to be announced in the near future.

At our December Board meeting, it was decided to establish a memorial in honor of our late President, Irving M. Simon. We have been greatly encouraged by the response of our locals to our appeal for funds.

In December also we began a drive to bring relief to the Westinghouse strikers. The International pledged, and paid, \$500 a week for the duration of the strike, which as you know, ran more than five months. In addition, many of our locals contributed through the International, as well as directly to the strikers in their areas.

On May 5th, the United Glass and Ceramic Workers of North America requested our support in a very bitter struggle against the Blue Ridge Glass Corporation at Kingsport, Tennessee. Almost 1,000 workers are on strike. The Glass Workers Union, which has never before requested outside support in its struggles, has now exhausted its treasury, and we have pledged ourselves to contribute \$100 a week for the duration of the strike.

Our locals have also participated in Community Chest campaigns, Red Cross drives and many, many other fund-raising efforts in their communities. Their response to all these calls has been heartening.

The success of last year's drive for political action contributions, led the Executive Board to set a new and greater goal. We in the RWDSU are committed to raise \$35,000 this year for COPE—the AFL-CIO Committee On Political Education. The initial contributions to the COPE drive have been gratifying. Among others, Local 906 has already turned in \$1,000; Local 305, \$500; and Saskatchewan Joint Board has contributed \$1,900. These are only the beginning. I am sure that other locals, both large and small, will do their full share in making our COPE drive as successful as it must be.

In the United States this is a presidential election year. The labor movement has a vital



LUNCHEON MEETING of RWDSU leaders with Sen. Paul Douglas took place June 13 at Mayflower Hotel. Clockwise around table from left corner of photo are Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, Exec. Vice-Presidents Sam Kovenetsky (partially obscured), Alex Ball and Arthur Osman, Pres. Max Greenberg, Vice-Pres. John Gallacher, Sen. Douglas, Vice-Pres. Hank Anderson, Regional Dir. Al Evanoff, Legislative Rep. Kenneth Meiklejohn, Editor Max Steinbock and Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps.

stake in the outcome of the forthcoming election. Our union must be prepared to carry its full share of the load. I feel that a proper effort might result in the repeal of some of the state right-to-work laws. These vicious anti-union laws, which are designed to break the back of the trade union movement, must be wiped off the books, and COPE dollars are the ammunition needed in this battle.

A world at peace, while it is a God-given blessing, and the answer to the prayers of all peoples, is also a world in which we, as labor leaders, must plan for tomorrow. It is conceivable that disarmament agreements may be reached. This would be followed in our country by cut-backs in armament expenditures. Should it happen, there would be a tremendous impact upon the economy of our nation. The billions of dollars which our government spends for armaments today bolster the economy of our country. The elimination of a substantial part of these billions may create serious unemployment problems. Whether or not the leaders of our nation will be able to provide full employment in a peace-time economy remains to be seen.

Mass Unemployment "Unthinkable"

It is inconceivable, in the year of 1956, that our government leaders, together with the leaders of industry and labor, can face the possibility of mass unemployment, without taking the necessary preparatory steps to avoid a recurrence of any sizeable recession or depression. I am not an economist, and I don't have pat answers. Unquestionably, however, labor must and will fight for a shorter week, a guaranteed annual wage, and strong job security clauses in our collective bargaining agreements.

Another issue which is assuming increasing importance in our nation's political and economic life is the problem of racial segregation and discrimination. At our Convention two years ago, we had had only a few days to consider the possible impact of the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, 1954 ordering an end to school segregation. Since then, the decision and other Supreme Court decisions which have supplemented it have clearly enunciated the Court's interpretation of the United States Constitution as expressly forbidding segregation and discrimination based on race or color.

The consequences of the Supreme Court de-

cision have been serious. In the South, the conflicts over the segregation issue has erupted in almost every phase of daily life, including the labor movement. Many unions are facing a truly dangerous situation with a possibility of splits and disunity. I am glad to be able to report that in the RWDSU we are maintaining our unity despite the differences of opinion that undoubtedly exist among our members.

I think one reason for our relative immunity to disruption on this question is the fact that our leaders and members, both Negro and white, have long since recognized their community of interest. In the South, as in the North, our white and Negro members realize that efforts to divide them can only result in the loss of the hard won gains they have established through their unity. Together we will continue to fight for the good things in life; together we will build our union greater and stronger in every part of the country.

Let me emphasize the main objective of our union for the next year: we must redouble our efforts to organize the unorganized. I am firmly convinced that the most effective job of organizing can be done by our local unions rather than by the International union. The role of the International in organizing the unorganized must be one of guidance and advice. You know the problems of the workers in your jurisdiction. No outsider can hope to appeal to unorganized workers as effectively as you can.

The building up of our membership and the strengthening of our local unions makes for a more powerful International Union. This is an obligation and a duty that we, as leaders, owe our members. We can talk in terms of better conditions, shorter hours and greater security, but the only guarantee that our members in the shop have, of the permanency of these benefits, is the strength of our locals and our International.

We must, during the next year, establish closer relationships among our members and among the officers of all our local unions. We must develop a greater awareness of each other's problems, so that we can extend even greater assistance to each other when there is need.

The work of our union appears before you every two weeks in the pages of *The Record*. I know that our International newspaper has continued to play an increasingly important role

in the life of our union. Judging by the reaction to *The Record* that I hear from many sources, both within and outside our union, it is succeeding not only in fulfilling its function as the primary line of communication within our International, but as an asset in our relations with the community at large.

This Council Meeting is an important one for all of us. It marks the mid-point between our first Merger Convention in 1954, and our next scheduled Convention in 1958. The two years that have gone by, have demonstrated over and over again, that we have in the RWDSU, a vital, effective and democratic organization, a union that fully deserves its place in the labor movement. From here on in, we will be coming closer and closer to our next Convention which will assess the accomplishments of these four years, and set the path along which we will move in the future.

Greater Growth Seen in Coming Year

I have been extremely fortunate in being associated with the able and competent leaders of our union. Whatever progress we have made is due to their dedicated efforts and to their loyalty. My fellow officers, our area directors, our regional directors, and our staff personnel in the field, have been working diligently and effectively on behalf of our union. I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the International Executive Board whose advice and counsel have been invaluable. To you, who are the leaders of our union, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your efforts this past year. Our union has grown because of you. I am certain that we will experience a period of even greater growth this coming year.

For in the final analysis, it will be you—each of you assembled here—and those whom you represent, who will determine the success or failure of the RWDSU. We, who lead this organization, can offer guidance and direction, but the day to day work, on which every success depends, must be performed by you, your associates and your members. I am confident that you will carry out your responsibility, and I pledge to you that my fellow officers and I will do everything in our power to carry out our responsibility.

Together we will go forward to a brighter future and to greater success in building the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

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Every two years, when they get worried about the vote of the ordinary working man and woman, Big Businessmen and their pals of the press talk about how "awful" it is for labor to take part in politics. That's because they are afraid of the people.

Right now, for instance, they are thrashing around like beached whales because the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) is asking each union member to contribute voluntarily \$1 to its fund-raising drive to help elect liberals to Congress.

They even object to trade unionists participating in the processes of democracy by voting to allocate part of their union funds for get-out-the-vote drives, educational activities, and support of programs they believe will help them.

Ford Dealer Felt Company Pressure

On Feb. 24, 1956, Henry Ford II admitted that his personal assistant had been authorized in 1952 to solicit Ford dealers for contributions to the Eisenhower campaign fund. This admission came after one dealer had complained to a Congressional committee that he felt he had been coerced by the Ford Company.

But you have not heard manufacturers and publishers complain about that.

The May 1956 issue of Fortune magazine, which specializes in business news, charged corporations "violate the law" that makes it a crime for them to give money to political parties. The magazine said: "Corporations . . . cover up (political) contributions by listing them in various expense accounts. The boss's secretary appears as the purchaser of blocks of tickets to \$100-a-plate dinners. Executives contribute handsomely to campaign chests with the understanding that they will get their money back in bonuses."

But you have not heard the boys in the front offices and the counting houses complain about that.

'Corporation Presidents Just Reach in the Till'

The Fortune article went on to say that "a lot of corporation presidents just reach in the till and get \$25,000 to contribute to political campaigns . . ."

But you have not heard the fat cats and the labor baiters complain about that.

The magazine pointed out that there is "no limit" to the amount of their own money which rich executives channel legally into politics. It also noted that a number of corporation bosses ask their subordinates

to contribute money to their favorite political parties and candidates.

But you have not heard the men in the corporation board rooms and editorial sanctuaries complain about that.

One "gimmick" which anti-labor politicians and columnists use in decrying COPE's efforts to raise money voluntarily to elect good men is the assertion that Samuel Gompers, founder of the American Federation of Labor, was opposed to political activity by unions, and that if he were still living he would try to keep the AFL-CIO out of politics.

Let's look at the record—

Fifty years ago—way back in 1906—Samuel Gompers headed a committee similar to COPE to carry on a nonpartisan political campaign in the Congressional elections. On July 22, 1906, the Gompers committee issued an appeal for political action to all affiliates. It issued a "textbook" on political issues and endorsed candidates, and it conducted a fund-raising campaign just as COPE is doing today in order to assist labor's friends.

The exact amount raised that year was \$8,056.89. (We have come a long way since then—but not long enough.)

Under Gompers' leadership, the Federation officially supported William Jennings Bryan for President in 1908, Woodrow Wilson in 1912 and 1916, James Cox in 1920 and Robert La Follette in 1924.

A Right and a Tradition

So don't let the enemies of organized labor throw dust in your eyes about political action. You, as a working man or woman, have the same right to take part in supporting candidates for office as anyone else in this democracy of ours. And you not only have it as a right, you have it as a tradition handed down from the days of Gompers.

The best, most effective way you can help elect good office-holders is to look up your COPE collector and contribute a dollar—or more—RIGHT NOW.

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Interview:



Youthful appearance of Lily Pons belies fact that she first starred at Metropolitan in 1931.

LILY PONS

By LILLIAN STEPHENS

LILY PONS may know nothing about "Rock & Roll" (when asked what she thought of it, she replied, "What's that?"), but her knowledge of opera is unchallenged. Youthful, vivacious and petite, she hardly looks the part of a coloratura soprano who recently celebrated her 25th anniversary with the Metropolitan Opera Co. A star of radio, television and motion pictures as well as opera, the small, trim Miss Pons started the vogue for the streamlined opera prima-donna at the Met. She is considered one of the world's greatest sopranos. Her anniversary was the occasion for a special performance at the Metropolitan, a ceremony at New York's City Hall, and wide acclaim in musical circles throughout the country.

As we spoke with Miss Pons for The Record, in her penthouse apartment overlooking the East River in New York, it was obvious that she has given thought as well as voice to serious music.

"The great tragedy in this country from an operatic standpoint," she stated, "is that there are only two opera companies in the whole United States—in New York and in San Francisco. In Europe, almost every city of 25,000 to 35,000 people has its own municipal opera. Here even such rich cities as Dallas and Houston do not have an opera group."

As proof of the difference in approach to opera between this country and European countries, Miss Pons pointed to Gino Prato, a winner on the \$64,000 TV program, whose interest in opera was considered unique. "In Europe, he would not be considered exceptional. In Italy, for example, children in the street, women who wash floors—most people, in fact—can answer difficult questions about opera."

"The only solution," she continued, "is for the U. S. government to subsidize opera companies as most European governments do. Music is an important part of education, and a municipal opera group can have a wonderful cultural influence on an entire city."

"There is a growing appreciation of opera and serious music in this country. For the past few years," she said, "I have been giving concerts in smaller cities throughout the country, and it is just amazing how many people turn out to hear this music."

Radio Builds Interest in Music—TV Doesn't

She credits radio, with its many symphonic programs, for stimulating an interest in serious music. But television—particularly color TV—which can bring opera into every home, can produce a renaissance for fine music in this country.

"Television is new," Lily Pons explained. "It is just starting in this field. It has done some good things, but it has only touched the surface. I don't believe opera should be presented in the old pattern on television. Young people especially want something new. There should be more story, fewer arias, imaginative scenery, costuming and staging."

Did she think librettos should be translated into English, we asked. "Perhaps for light operas, but certainly not for grand operas," was her reply. "People have been hearing those operas in Italian or German since they were children. Translations change the sound and the operas are hard to understand in English."

Lily Pons believes that not enough new opera is being composed. "There is a decadence in new music," she said. "New operas are mostly technical and cerebral. One must be a musician to understand today's operas. They are orchestrally and technically beautiful but one cannot absorb them, and one does not go away from a performance humming a tune."

New Gifted Children Get Into Opera

On a slightly different note, we discussed with Miss Pons the difficulty of making a career in opera, particularly for talented children of working parents. There are a certain number of scholarships awarded to gifted youngsters, she pointed out, and some good schools like the Juilliard in New York, but only the establishment of opera companies throughout the country, with government subsidies, she emphasized, would make operatic careers readily attainable.

For parents of talented youngsters, Lily Pons cautioned, "go slow! In every town I visit, I receive a call from a mother of a 9 or 10 year old who wants me to listen to her daughter who is supposed to be an accomplished coloratura soprano! But the fact is that until a child is 16, her voice is not mature and cannot be judged. I tell parents to encourage the child to study a musical instrument, languages, and generally to get a good education. Then if she still shows promise as she matures, find a good voice teacher. Although," Miss Pons added ruefully, "good teachers are hard to find these days. After training in this country, a talented student may have to go to Europe to acquire experience."

As we said goodbye and thanked Lily Pons for the interview, she reminded us that she is a member of a union too—the American Guild of Musical Artists.



Vivacity of opera star Lily Pons, left, makes interviewing her a pleasant task for 'Record' Reporter Lillian Stephens.

Record photos by Sam Reiss



Male Cooks

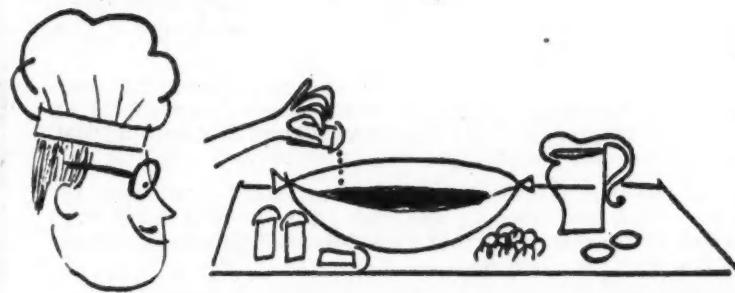
By JANE GOODSELL

Are you tired of cooking three meals a day, and do you wish your husband would show an interest in cooking? Do you day-dream of reclining in an easy chair while he busies himself in the kitchen, stirring, beating, seasoning, basting and tasting?

If you have been thinking along these lines, stop it! If your husband can't even fry an egg, thank your lucky stars. Love him, cherish him and keep him from temptation by hiding your cookbooks.

A man in the kitchen is a menace to all concerned.

I'm not talking about professional chefs who do a business-like job of cooking in hotels and restaurants. My targets are the home-grown variety who, at odd moments, are seized by uncontrollable impulses to make crepes suzettes, shrimp curry or Italian spaghetti.



Amateur male cooks do not cook meals. They produce dishes. They cook because they feel like cooking, and they almost never feel like cooking at times when people are hungry.

The impulse to cook usually hits them between midnight and 2 a.m. and the resulting creation is always described as "the like of which you've never tasted before." This I will not deny.

Women collect recipes, but men scorn them as reins on the imagination. The only exceptions are recipes they have personally pried from some exotic character—a French chef or a Swiss hotel keeper or a Rumanian gypsy.

Women pride themselves on the ability to cook economically, but men insist on a variety of rare and bizarre ingredients. French ruffles, shallots, leeks, imported wines, obscure spices or little known herbs are almost always indispensable to the dish.

The entire success of the delicacy depends on some poetic concept, such as unsalted butter or freshly ground pepper. This is explained at length, followed by a large fuss about the cooking utensil. This may be a well-seasoned French casserole or an antique iron kettle or almost anything except a plain American pot.

Male cooks insist on an audience, and neighbors are summoned to watch the artist at work. He furnishes a running commentary, like a magician, throughout the performance.

The audience is expected to register admiration and to sniff appreciatively, but all other conversation is taboo.

Finally—after an hour or so—the dish is pronounced finished. It may be so highly seasoned that your hair stands on end—or it may be indistinguishable from the stew served at the school cafeteria—but it doesn't matter.

By this time everybody is so hungry, and so hypnotized by the soothsaying palaver, that applause is unrestrained.

Of course the kitchen is in an unbelievable mess, but our hero is busy now. He's being slapped on the back, and the group is singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

You can't expect him to clean up the kitchen. You wouldn't expect Toscanini to sweep the auditorium after a concert, would you?



Drawing by Stan Glauback

How To Avoid Auto Repair Gyps

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for The Record

Modern high-horsepower cars with automatic drives, multi-barrel carburetors and complex ignition systems are increasingly complicated to repair. They require more expert service and their engines require more sensitive adjustments, because of their close tolerances, than older cars needed.

Unless present-day cars do get expert care, some queer phenomena occur. In fact, one of the country's outstanding service experts tells this department that nowadays a given symptom may not be at all related to the seemingly ailing component.

In modern cars, everything must synchronize. One component can throw others out. An automatic transmission may fail to upshift promptly because the motor itself needs a tuneup. Or a car may creep, not because anything is wrong with the transmission, but because mechanics sometimes advance the idling speed to offset stalling caused by improper carburetor adjustment or faulty ignition.

Not only are cars more delicate and precise, but they are driven under increasingly harder conditions. Nothing is as rough on a car as today's stop-and-go traffic congestion.

For these reasons it's increasingly important to find a reliable repair shop. Car owners not only can't repair their own cars any more but they can't even take a chance on relatively inexperienced repairmen. Here are tips developed with the aid of auto club and repair specialists that can help a cost-harrassed and repair-beleaguered car owner select a competent service shop.

Does the shop use modern test equipment? The equipment a shop uses is one clue to its competence. A well-equipped shop these days increasingly needs and should use volt meters, engine operation and vacuum gauges, distributor gauges and fuel-mixture testers.

Does the shop look well-organized? Mechanics themselves judge service shops by their appearance. They know that a clean, well-organized shop is better able to handle a car efficiently. Admittedly a dirty shop may have a top-notch mechanic. But the shop's appearance does often reflect the attitude of the owner and mechanics towards your car.

Does the mechanic diagnose carefully? A careful shop makes adequate tests before it will say what the trouble is. A less-skilled or less careful serviceman is more apt to give a flash diagnosis. For example, if the difficulty is insufficient power in a comparatively new engine, a careful mechanic will either use a dynamometer (which simulates road conditions) or at least hand instruments, and also road-test the car. Or, before telling you you need a new battery, he'll not only test the old one but also the generator and voltage regulator. The extra time he spends will often save you money in the long run.

Is the shop experienced in your make? An AAA technical specialist advises that in these days of automatic transmissions and other power features it's especially desirable to use a trained specialist in your particular make or accessory.

Is the shop unionized? As with other services, the special advantage here is that since work conditions are more stabilized (the men have seniority and stay on the job) you are more likely to get highly-skilled personnel. Many union shops also have formal apprenticeship programs of four-year duration, plus additional training, which further assures car owners of skilled service.

What do others think of the shop? Ask other owners about their experiences with local shops. Also note if the shop seems busy. A good shop is often a busy one. All those people can't be wrong.

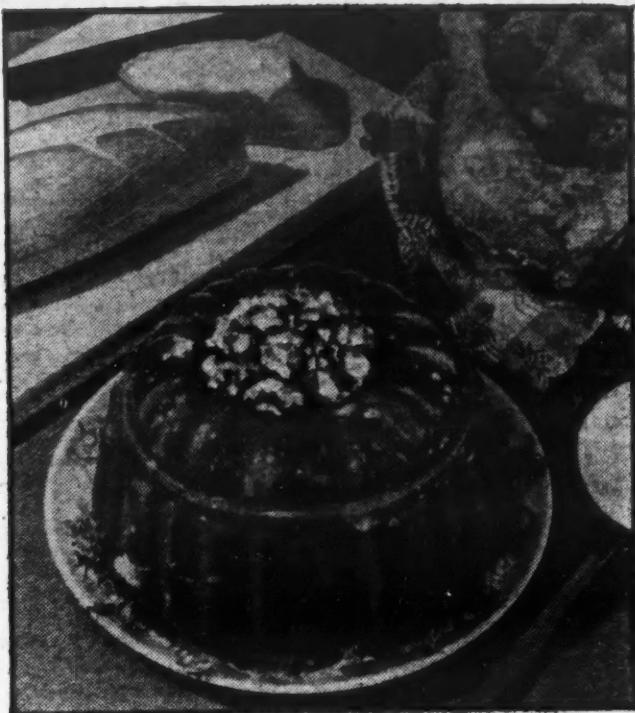
Does the shop use high-pressure? A scrupulous mechanic will advise you on your needs but won't high-pressure you, and often may advise that you don't need something you think you want. For example, he won't sell you a set of plugs merely because you've had yours in a certain number of miles, but will test them to make sure, and clean and regap the old ones if that is sufficient.

Does the shop practice preventive maintenance? A good shop tries to locate incipient troubles while still small. For example, it will try to keep the body tight to avert costly future body and steering gear repairs. It will check spark-plug gapping to make sure plugs fire properly. It will hydrometer-test your battery periodically and recommend regular lubrication. A well-greased car not only minimizes chassis wear, but saves gas and wear on the engine because the chassis has less friction to overcome.

A leading repair specialist tells this department that he finds a car that is regularly serviced rarely needs as many or expensive repairs as the one that doesn't come into the shop until trouble shows up. It's simply true that grease is cheaper than metal.

Sometimes owners themselves abuse their cars. The most common abuses cited by service specialists are unnecessarily fast acceleration, which strains car components and is especially damaging to automatic transmissions; habitually abrupt stops, which damage brake systems; fast driving in cold weather before the oil has a chance to warm up; turning the steering wheel while the car is standing still (assuming you don't have power steering), and infrequent use of the car. Cars used only on short trips build up carbon faster than those that occasionally get a chance to warm up fully on a highway. Also, constant city stop-and-go driving is hard on cars and builds up carbon quickly. A car used mainly in city traffic should get a highway trip now and then to clean out the carbon and free the valves.

Porch Supper Special: Blue Cheese Aspic



For a warm-weather porch or back-yard supper, how does this combo sound to your appetite—a basketful of fried chicken, crisp French bread and a tangy cheese aspic using some of our own American blue cheese!

Blue Cheese Aspic (6 servings)

Three tablespoons unflavored gelatin, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold water, 4 cups tomato juice, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup finely chopped onion, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup crumbled American blue cheese (about 4 ounces).

Soften gelatin in cold water. Combine tomato juice, onions, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Heat to boiling point. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cheese. Pour into 5-cup mold. Chill until firm. Unmold and garnish top of mold with remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cheese. Surround with crisp salad greens, if desired.

This Embroidery Pattern Free!



FOR QUEENS OF THE KITCHEN—What could be gayer for mother and daughter than matching half aprons bedecked with barnyard motifs? The tricky pockets, resembling barns, are made of red and white striped cotton with embroidered weather vanes perched above. Colorful embroidered hens and roosters are shown scratching around the barnyard. The embroidery can be done so quickly on a zig-zag sewing machine with machine embroidery tread, but if you don't own such a machine, try making this clever design with six-strand embroidery floss, using an outline stitch. Sewing directions and tracing patterns for MACHINE EMBROIDERED BARNYARD APRONS are available to you. To obtain a copy, simply send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of the RWDSU Record, 132 West 43 St., New York 36, N. Y. for Leaflet No. E-3340.

MOVIES

in review

TRAPEZE—★

Trapeze is a motion picture about the circus, and like the circus it is colorful, eye-filling, and has its moments of great excitement. However, a motion picture also tells a story—and this is where Trapeze falls way short of the mark. The story Trapeze tells is an oft-told one, and in this case it never comes alive.



Burt Lancaster

Tony Curtis comes to Paris in search of Burt Lancaster who was one of the greats on the flying trapeze until a fall cripples him. Burt is impressed with the younger man's great skill as a flyer and agrees to work together as a team and teach him the difficult triple flying somersault. But their teamwork is soon threatened by Gina Lollobrigida who creates distrust and jealousy between the two men as she uses one against the other to further her own ambitions.

The principal players perform with great skill on the trapeze bars, and superb photography of these aerial feats provides the picture with some moments of suspense and excitement. Miss L's charms are shown to great advantage in the costumes she wears and she is sure to please the eye of even the most critical movie-goer.

But that's all there is to Trapeze. The plot never thickens; it never seems to matter much one way or the other. If Trapeze is playing in your neighborhood air-conditioned theatre some hot night—go to see it—but don't expect too much.

—LOUISE REVERBY

THE MAVERICK QUEEN—★

At one time people expected and usually saw a dramatic and gripping motion picture when the name Barbara Stanwyck headed the list of stars. The Maverick Queen, however, is not one of these.

Miss Stanwyck, as Kit Banion, product of post-Civil War chaos, has settled in a small Wyoming cattle town and prospered by working hand-in-glove with a notorious outlaw gang known as the Wild Bunch. When Pinkerton detective Jeff Young (Barry Sullivan), posing as a nephew of the infamous Younger brothers, comes to town, love and trouble enter Kit's life. The role Jeff plays in a fifty thousand dollar train robbery makes him acceptable to the Wild Bunch (which he is dedicated to capture) and he is given access to the mountain hideout of the gang. He's found out by Sundance (Scott Brady), Barbara Stanwyck a cast-off boyfriend of Kit who's one of the gang. Kit tries to warn Jeff of his awaiting fate and dies in the attempt, but just in the nick of time a posse arrives during a gun battle to rescue our hero.



The acting of all involved is uninspired and stiff, but all are veteran performers, and we feel the script is to blame.

Filmed in a new wide-screen process called Naturama by Republic pictures, The Maverick Queen lacks even the usual ingredients of most Westerns—cowboys and Indians.

ROSEMARIE DaSILVA

RECORD MOVIE RATING

★★★

Alexander the Great

Richard III

Golden Demon

Oklahoma

★★★

Trapeze

The Catered Affair

The Proud and

Profane

Storm Over the

Nile

Rififi

The Searchers

The Bold &

The Brave

Bhowani Junction

Invitation to the

Dance

The Cockleshell

Heroes

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Unidentified Fly-

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The Maverick

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Congressmen Meet the RWDSU During Council Meeting



GET-TOGETHER at Council cocktail party gave delegates opportunity to meet with Congressmen on House and Senate Labor Committee. Left to right are Mrs. Jean Gibbons of AFL-CIO legislative staff, Pres. Max Greenberg, Rep. Edith Green, Vice-Pres. Leon Davis, Council member Milton Reverby, Rep. Earl Chudoff, Council member William Taylor and Rep. Roy W. Wier.



GREETINGS are exchanged between Rep. Emanuel Celler and Pres. Greenberg. Others are 65' Pres. David Livingston, Sec.-Treas. Al Heaps, and Sen. Allott.



SERIOUS TALK engages, l. to r., Vice-Pres. Theodor Bowman, Sec.-Treas. Al Heaps and Senator Gordon Allott of Colorado, a member of Senate Labor Committee.



ILLINOISANS gather around RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Al Heaps, Senator Paul Douglas and Pres. Max Greenberg, following Sen. Douglas' speech at Washington Council meeting June 13. Standing, l. to r., are Al Evanoff, Benny Sanzone, George Menard, Sally Fash, Irene Zapos, Josephine Chlupsa, Willie Williams, John Gallacher, Emanuel Galladora, Jack Greenwald, Carl Sanzone, Joe Coles and Hank Anderson.